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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is considered that an aerial survey will not help in achieving the object aimed at.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In view of the fact that the suggestion for an aerial survey of Malabar forests was made not for the fancy of it but in the light of the fact that forest areas in Malabar district are not accessible to surveyors and in view of the fact that no such surveys had been made, may I know whether the Government will see that some fruitful measures are resorted to to see that the Malabar forests are surveyed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Whatever be the difficulties experienced, the Government consider that an aerial survey will not serve any purpose.

Unemployed trained nurses

* 2526 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of unemployed male and female trained nurses now in the State; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to take them in Government service?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (a) The number of unemployed trained nurses in this State is at present 46 men and 104 women.

(b) The names of Government trained nurses are included in a waiting list and they are provided with appointment in Government Service as and when vacancies arise. Apart from this there is no proposal to absorb all the trained nurses in Government service all at one time.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Sir, the Hon. Minister had stated on many occasions that the number of nurses available were not enough to cope with the work in the various hospitals. In view of the facts that the hospitals have to be run efficiently and that the problem of unemployment among nurses will also have to be solved, may I know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to see that steps are taken to absorb the unemployed nurses in the various hospitals of the State as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : In connexion with Part II Schemes for 1955–56, Government have sanctioned an additional number of 100 nurses.

Married female nurses

* 2527 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the married female nurses are compelled to stay within the compound of the nurses' quarters in the Hospital for Indigenous Medicine, Kilpauk, Madras; and

(b) the reasons therefor?